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Depressed classes and Muhammadans in the Madurantakam union board.

715 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether there is a member of the depressed classes on the Madurantakam union board; if not, why not;

(2) whether there is a member of the Muhammadan community on the Madurantakam union board; if not, why not; and

(3) whether it is a fact that the Muhammadan community of Madurantakam union petitioned the presidents of taluk and district boards to appoint one Mr. Haidar Shariff Sahib; and the reason why this mahazar was rejected and a member of the Vannia community was nominated?

A.—Members of union boards are appointed by the President of the Taluk Board. The hon. Member may address the President in the matter.

Nomination of Mr. Kumaraswami Mudaliyar to Chingleput taluk board.

716 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) how long Mr. M. M. Kumaraswami Mudaliyar has been a member of the Chingleput taluk board;

(2) whether he was a candidate for the Manamathi circle during the last taluk board election and whether he was defeated; and

(3) whether Mr. M. M. Kumaraswami Mudaliyar has been nominated to the Chingleput Taluk Board?

A.—(1) & (2) The Government have no information.

(3) Members of taluk boards are appointed by the President of the District Board. The hon. Member may address the President in the matter.

Moslem representation in the City Police.

717 Q.—Khan Bahadur Muhammad Sadulla Badsha Sahib: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to supplementary question to original question No. 163, asked by me at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 13th September 1922, whether there are not any qualified Muhammadans in the City Police for appointment as police inspectors, in the City?

A.—The question cannot be considered until there is a vacancy. When there is a vacancy the Commissioner will no doubt select the best man.

Papanasam reservoir project.

718 Q.—Mr. S. T. Shanmukham Pillai: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether any report has been received from the Collector of Tinnevelly with reference to a conference held by him in February last of the interested ryots for discussion of an important and long contemplated irrigation project generally known as the 'Papanasam reservoir project' in the Tambraparni river, and with what result?

A.—No such report has been received.